

REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Ex parte Quayle action mailed on October 7, 2004. Claims 3 and 9, the specification and drawings have been amended. No new matter has been added.

The disclosure has been objected to due to several informalities. As requested by the Examiner, paragraph [0002] of the specification has been amended to correct the informalities.

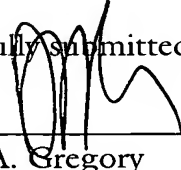
The drawings have been objected to because they do not include the following reference sign mentioned in the description: shoulder straps 64. Applicants have amended paragraph [00025] of the specification to remove the reference to “shoulder straps 64.” The amended language recites “hand or shoulder straps 62,” an embodiment of which is shown in Figure 4.

The drawings have also been objected to because the “arms of the cross brace structure having each end pivotally secured to the rear members must be shown or the feature canceled from the claims.” Office Action, page 3. The Office Action states that the “drawings show one of each arm secured to a rear member and the other end secured to a cross member.” *Id.* To this end, Applicants have amended the specification and claims 3 and 9 to reflect the embodiment shown in Figure 3. Paragraph [00021] of the specification has been amended to state that “[o]ne end of arm 38 is pivotally secured to cross member 27 at 42, and a corresponding end of arm 36 is pivotally secured to cross member 25 at 44.” Paragraphs [0007] and [0008] have also been amended. Claims 3 and 9 have been amended to recite that the arms of the cross brace structure are secured to a “cross” member and a “rear” member. And, in Figure 3 numerals 25 and 27 have been added to label appropriate components. The invention is not limited to the disclosed embodiments.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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Attachment

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 3. Numerals 25 and 27 have been added to Figure 3.

Attachment: Replacement sheet.